

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting unit comprising:

a pushbutton;

a switch device for performing electrical ON-OFF by depressing said pushbutton;

an electroluminescent (EL) EL device including a light-emitting section corresponding to said ~~pushbuttons~~ pushbutton provided to at least one of above and under said switch device,

wherein the light-emitting section of said EL device includes at least one of an optically transparent electrode layer and a backplate layer, formed partially on an optically transparent insulating base, ~~and both of the layers and a first light-emitting layer, selectively~~ laminated on the optically transparent insulating base, and a dielectric layer between the backplate layer and the first light-emitting layer.

2. (Original) The lighting unit of claim 1, wherein said EL device includes another light-emitting section corresponding to a display device placed beside said pushbutton.

3. (Currently Amended) The lighting unit of claim 1, further comprising:

an optically transparent intermediate electrode layer ~~selectively~~ laminated between the optically transparent electrode layer and the backplate layer; and

a second light-emitting layer provided between the intermediate electrode layer and the backplate layer,

wherein the a first light-emitting layer provided between the optically transparent electrode layer and the intermediate electrode layer, and

~~a second light emitting layer provided between the intermediate electrode layer and the backplate layer,~~ wherein the first layer emits light in different color from the second layer.

4. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus comprising:

a lighting unit including

a switch device for performing electrical ON-OFF by depressing said ~~a~~ pushbutton; and

an electroluminescent (EL) EL device including a light-emitting section corresponding to said pushbutton provided to at least one of above and under said switch device,

wherein the light-emitting section of said EL device includes at least one of an optically transparent electrode layer and a backplate layer, formed partially on an optically transparent insulating base, and both of the layers and a light-emitting layer, ~~selectively~~ laminated on the optically transparent insulating base, and a dielectric layer between the backplate layer and the light-emitting layer; and

a control circuit, coupled to said lighting unit, for controlling light emission from said EL device; and

wherein said lighting unit is for illuminating said push button.

5. (Original) The lighting apparatus of claim 4, wherein said control circuit controls said EL device by depressing a predetermined pushbutton.

6. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus comprising:

a lighting unit including

a switch device for performing electrical ON-OFF by depressing said ~~a~~ pushbutton; and

an electroluminescent (EL) EL device including a light-emitting section corresponding to said pushbutton provided to at least one of above and under said switch device,

wherein the light-emitting section of said EL device includes at least one of an optically transparent electrode layer and a backplate layer, formed partially on an optically transparent insulating base, ~~and both of the layers and a light-emitting layer, selectively~~ laminated on the optically transparent insulating base and a dielectric layer between the backplate layer and the light-emitting layer; and

a control circuit, coupled to said lighting unit, said control unit for controlling light emission from said EL device; and

wherein said light unit is for illuminating a display device adjacent said push button.

7. (Original) The lighting apparatus of claim 6, wherein said control circuit controls said EL device by depressing a predetermined pushbutton.

8. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus comprising:

a control circuit, coupled to ~~said a~~ lighting unit, for controlling light emission from ~~said an~~ EL device; and

wherein said lighting unit is for illuminating ~~said push button~~ a pushbutton, said pushbutton including a movable contact, said EL device is between a top of said pushbutton and said movable contact.

9. (New) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein said switch device includes a movable contact and said EL device is between a top of said pushbutton and said movable contact.

10. (New) A lighting unit according to claim 4, wherein said switch device includes a movable contact and said EL device is between a top of said pushbutton and said movable contact.